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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

## HE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows:

--A tape library wherein a number of cassette tapes are accommodated and adjusted. One or more expansion units are connected to a basic unit. When a transport mechanism is